concerned, it stands on a different footing. In this case all applications are made individually by the tappers concerned so that each man's case is taken into consideration. Whether the application should be granted or not is left to the discretion of the Superintendent.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—In the case of fermented toddy tappers, I want to know whether the department scrutinises whether they are old tappers or new tappers.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—We cannot compel renters to take in any particular tapper, much less new tappers.

President.—Do you say that you have inquired whether the tappers are new or old?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—No, Sir.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—When a tapper under license commits malpractice, is the licensee taken to task for it?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur. —I hope then that the department scrutinises whether a fermented toddy tapper is a convicted man or not.

President.—On the representation made by the fermented toddy renter, the department issues licenses. But the moment questionable conduct comes to the notice of the department, action will be taken. In the first instance, licenses are issued as prayed for by the renter.

The deputation of the tappers of the Talappalli Taluk.

131. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—(a) Did a deputation of tappers from the Talappalli Taluk wait upon the Superintendent of Excise in his Head Office at Ernakulam in last Kanni with a petition?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to lay a copy of that petition on the table?

(c) What is the final decision of the Government upon that petition?

(d) Is there any basis for the Superintendent's statement before this House that the Member for Vadakkancheri appeared in his capacity as Vakil with that deputation?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b), (c) and (d). No answer is required in view of the reply to part (a).

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Was there any deputation this year?

President.—Was there a deputation in 1101?

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Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—(d) There is a statement made by the Hon'ble Member during the last session. I want to know whether there is any basis for it.

President.—What is the statement referred to during the last session? I want to know it.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—There was a statement made by the Hon'ble Member for Excise that I appeared as a Vakil. I want to know whether he has got any basis for the statement made.

President.—Did you put in any *Vakkalath Nama*?

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—No, Sir.

President.—Then you could not appear as a Vakil.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—In the first place, this question does not relate to a public matter, and so the Member is not entitled to ask it. In the next place, I only asked him whether he came as a Vakil. He said, 'No'. Then I did not hear him, but heard the representation of the petitioners.

Remissions granted to the Salt contractor for the State.

132. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total remissions granted to the Salt contractor, Mr. A. M. A. Arunachalam Chettyar during the Diwanship of Messrs. P. Narayana Menon and T. S. Narayana Ayyar respectively;

(b) the total amount of remission during the whole period of his contract;

(c) whether any remission once refused to be granted by the Diwan has been subsequently allowed; if so, the amount, and the authority that granted it, the date of refusal and the date when it was re-allowed?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) The Member is referred to the answer to question 196 (3) of the last legislative session. No remission has been granted during the Diwanship of Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.

(b) Vide answer to part (a).

(c) No.

The remaining part of the question does not call for an answer.

The transfer of Excise peons.

133. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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